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NEW ZONES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new Railway Zones proposed to be made operational from April 2003;
- (b) whether all these zones have become fully operational particularly East Coast Railway Zone;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the construction activities and work undertaken, particularly in East Coast zone;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to make all these zones fully operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) & (b): The five new Railway Zones namely East Coast Railway/Bhubaneswar, North Central Railway/Allahabad, South Western Railway/Hubli, South East Central Railway/Bilaspur and West Central Railway/Jabalpur, have been fully operationalised w.e.f. 01.4.2003.

(c) Works for creation of infrastructure on all the new zones have been taken up. As far as East Coast Railway zone at Bhubaneswar is concerned, following works have been completed:-

Works completed

(i) Type-I - 32 units, type II - 24 units, type III - 20 units, type IV - 12 units quarters and Electrical sub station.

(ii) Modification to existing residential buildings at Chandrasekharpur for setting up of different offices of new zone and transit accommodation for officers.

Works taken up

(i) Construction of zonal office building.

(ii) Modification to existing S&T buildings at Mancheswar for accommodating the different offices of new zone.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) For operationalisation of these Zones w.e.f. 01.4.2003, the various necessary steps such as the issue of Gazette Notification, posting of officers and staff, provision of basic infrastructure, etc. were taken. The Officers-on-Special Duty (OSDs) have also since been redesignated as General Managers w.e.f. 01.4.2003.